

# adopt-a-park



*a partnership between the State of  
Virginia, the City of Alexandria and  
Alexandrian citizens*

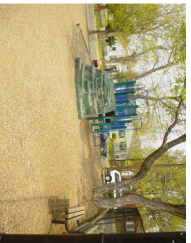


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Park Planning Division  
1108 Jefferson Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314



## adopt-a-park application

name of individual : \_\_\_\_\_

name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

name/location of park: \_\_\_\_\_

proposed period of adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mission:

*To preserve, protect and enhance the parks and open spaces of the City, to empower the citizens of Alexandria and to improve awareness about the need to recycle and end littering.*

## What is the Program?

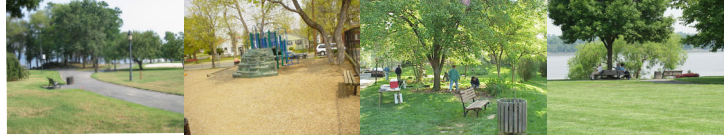
The Adopt-a-Park program is a cooperative venture between the State of Virginia, the City of Alexandria, and Alexandrian citizens to improve the appearance and condition of Alexandria's small urban parks and open spaces.

Community groups monitor and clean up their park at least once a week from April through November. City officials visit these parks once a month and award points based on the park's condition. At the season's end, cash awards are made to participating groups based on the points earned. Award funds are frequently used by the organizations for park improvements such as benches, additional play equipment, drinking fountains, and landscaping.

The project is funded annually by the State of Virginia Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant and the City of Alexandria. The City applies for grant funds from the state and based on the amount received from the grant, the City provides additional funding as needed.

## How do participants benefit?

Adopt-a-Park provides citizens an opportunity to volunteer and improve their park and environment. Your organization can benefit through an increased sense of ownership and involvement in your community. The once-a-month inspections lead to cash awards at the end of the season that can be used to beautify and improve your neighborhood.



## Who can participate?

Permanently established community or public organizations, businesses, or government entities within the City of Alexandria can participate. Groups will need a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to receive the monetary award at the end of the season.

## How do I get my group involved?

Submit the attached initial application to the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities for review. If funding is available, a department representative will contact you and meet you at the site to discuss the particular needs of the site and to answer any questions about the maintenance of the park. A finalized agreement, to be signed, will then be mailed to your group coordinator.

## If you have any further questions, contact:

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